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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of : John Crescenti et al.

Application No. : 09/610,738

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Title: : MODULAR BACKUP AND RETRIEVAL SYSTEM USED
IN CONJUNCTION WITH A STORAGE AREA NETWORK

Examiner: Samuel Rimell

Group Art Unit: 2175

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE

Sir:

This response is filed in regards to the Office Communication issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") on January 27, 2005. Applicants amendment of December 16, 2004 included 24 independent claims, 5 that were previously submitted and authorized. Accordingly, a fee for the additional 19 independent claims is due, and Applicants' submit herewith a check in the amount of \$1,900.00 for the additional claim fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 02-4270.

Respectfully submitted,

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